



# Midland First United Methodist Church

Order of Worship for Sunday, April 14, 2024  
THIRD Sunday of Easter

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Mary Choate

Leader: Stay faithful to the Good News of Jesus Christ, Beloved of God. Come what may.

**People: May the Lord draw us deeper into relationship with Himself with each passing day.**

Leader: The love of God is steadier, stronger, more true, and more beautiful than anything that might tempt us to wander from God and His best for us.

**ALL: Keep us faithful to You Jesus, at all costs. Come what may.**

#### \*OPENING HYMN

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

UMH #110

### CHILDREN'S BLESSING

#### SPECIAL MUSIC

"Amazing Grace"

arr. John Rutter  
Chancel Choir

### PASTORAL PRAYER

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

#### OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Please sign the friendship notepads.

#### OFFERTORY GIFT TO GOD "All Things Bright & Beautiful"

arr. Larry & Carla Sue  
Debbie Dumond & Gabrielle Cook-McIvanna, bells  
Bill Heeschen, piano

**\*DOXOLOGY** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH #94

#### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

#### READING OF THE WORD

Revelation 2:8-11

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

#### SERMON

"Smyrna: Do Not Fear and Be Faithful"

Pastor Bethany Maciejewski

#### \*HYMN

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

UMH #127

#### \*BENEDICTION

#### POSTLUDE

\*Please stand if able

*Altar Flowers*

Today's altar flowers are in honor of Irma Meyer's 96<sup>th</sup> birthday!  
Happy birthday, Irma!

**Welcome!** We hope you enjoy worshiping with us. It is our hope and prayer that you find the presence of God and a spirit of friendship and caring. Please join us for refreshments following worship in the Parlor. If you are visiting for the first time, we would like to share a gift with you.

The Nursery is open during worship for children from birth through the age of 3. Busy bags for preschoolers are available in P4.

## First Glance

### Sun April 14, 2024

9 am Worship Service  
10:15 am Town Hall Meeting  
11 am Worship Service  
11 am Sunday Friendship Lunch  
1:30 pm Mission Team Meeting  
6 pm Youth Group

### Mon April 15, 2024

9:30 am Monday Morning Bible Study

### Tue April 16, 2024

11 am Staff Meeting  
12 pm S3 Bible Study  
6:30 pm Boy Scouts  
7 pm Praise Band Rehearsal

### Wed April 17, 2024

1 pm HR Team Meeting  
1 pm Carillon Choir Rehearsal  
4:45 pm EXPLORE! Music Class  
7:30 pm Joyful Bells

### Thurs April 18, 2024

7 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
7 pm New Member Class

### Fri April 19, 2024

11 am Men's Small Group  
5 pm Sunday School Game Night  
7 pm AA Meeting

### Sun April 21, 2024

9 am Worship Service  
10 am Ukrainian Refugees in MI Presentation  
11 am Worship Service  
11 am Sunday Friendship Lunch

**Save the Date**

### Fri May 17, 2024

7 pm Currie Concert

**The Blessing Box is in need of sustainable items:**

- Canned goods (ravioli, Spaghetti O's, tuna, chicken)
- Canned fruit and veggies
- Cereal
- Pasta (mac & cheese, Rice a Roni)
- Granola bars
- Beef jerky
- Shampoo
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Bar Soap
- Laundry detergent pods
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Feminine products

Thank you!



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United Women in Faith

On **Sunday, April 21**, join United Women in Faith and the Mission Committee for a program on Ukrainian refugees who are living in the Traverse City area of Michigan. Alline Beutler will be with us for worship at 9:00 and will give a presentation in the Chapel following the service. Immigration Law and Justice (ILJ-MI) is the new name for what was Justice for Our Neighbors (JFON). Come learn about this important ministry.

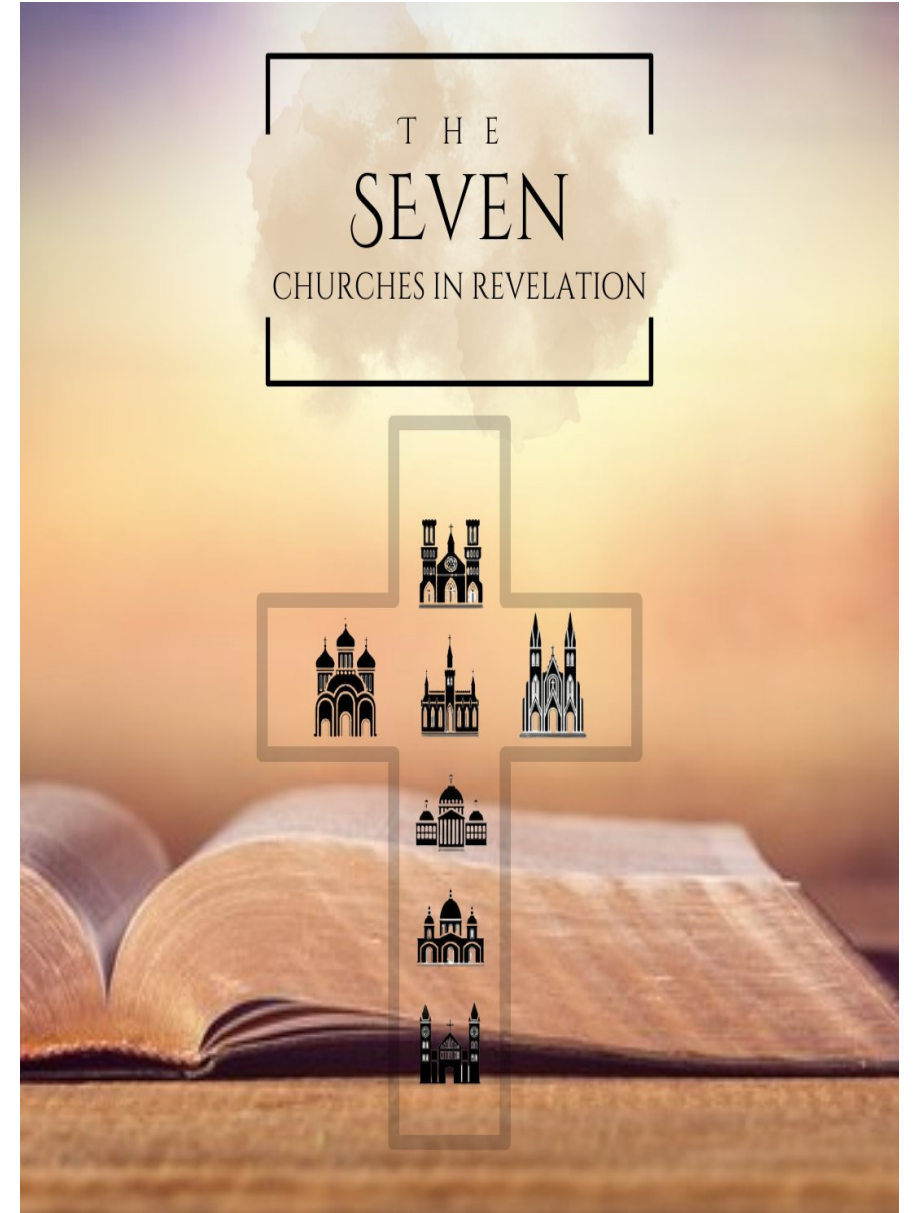
**Mission Trip to Midwest Missions: Tuesday, May 28 - Saturday, June 1**

It's an 8 hour drive to Midwest Missions in Central Illinois. We will be working with our Partners that we have put on the last two onsite Feed Ukraine events. We will be staying on site in private rooms at the onsite dormitory. We have 6 rooms reserved and room for 4 more people to go. The estimated cost for the trip including transportation, room and meals (except dinners) is \$150-200/person.

Members that went last year were Rev. Yum, the Juengels, Talbots, and Hydes. Feel free to talk to any of last year's participants if you have questions about the work we did or the accommodations provided. This year we have seven folks already signed up but are looking for 4 more to go. A \$100 deposit will be due **4/15/24** if you are interested in joining this Mission Team.

To sign up for this trip or if you have any questions contact:  
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**“Smyrna: Do Not Fear and Be Faithful”**

Pastor Bethany Maciejewski  
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